

REMARKS

I. Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 are pending.

Claim 39 was objected to because of an informality.

Claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Gerace U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396 ("Gerace").

II. Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claim 39 to correct an informality.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

III. Applicants' Reply to the Objection of Claim 39

The Examiner objected to claim 39 because of an informality. In particular, the Examiner suggests that claim 39 should read "the system of claim 38 ...," rather than "the method of claim 38 ...". Applicants have amended claim 39 as suggested by the Examiner.

IV. Applicants' Reply to the Rejection of
Claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Gerace. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner contends that Gerace shows each and every feature of applicants' independent claims 1, 12 and 23. In particular, the Examiner contends that Gerace shows "providing the user with an opportunity to select at least one television related information source from a plurality of television-related information sources," and "providing the user with an opportunity to specify criteria for delivering information from the at least one selected television-related information source," Office Action, p. 3. The Examiner refers to the network/local/satellite channels and the "zip code" criteria (col. 11, ll. 24-42, and col. 22, ll. 43-52).

Gerace, at column 11, lines 24-42 refers to a program 31 that enables user customization of content and format screens, but never shows or suggests network/local/satellite channels, allowing a user to select a source of television-related information from a plurality of such sources, or specifying criteria for delivering information from the at least one selected television-related

information source. Gerace, at column 22, lines 43-52, refers to a program 31 that allows the user to find television schedules by zip code, or to search for a specific show playing on a network/local/satellite channel. However, the Media Schedule Page, which is the source of television schedule information for the searches described by Gerace, is hard coded to include three tables of information (col. 10, l. 12) from pre-defined information sources (e.g., initial agate information, col. 2, l. 61-col. 3, l. 3, col. 5, ll. 3-7; agate information includes television listings, col. 1, l. 13). One of the tables of information from pre-defined information sources is a television table, which includes television program listings (col. 10, ll. 15-18, Main Schedule Page code, col. 26, l. 40-63). Indeed, Gerace simply allows users to filter agate information from predetermined sources by selecting a zip code or search criteria. Gerace does not show or suggest allowing a user to select at least one television-related information source from a plurality of television information sources and specify criteria for delivering information from the at least one selected television-related information source, as required by applicants' independent claims 1, 12 and 23.

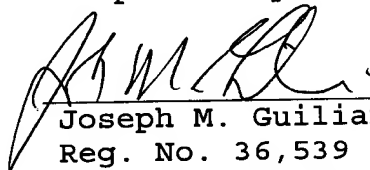
Gerace therefore does not show each and every feature of applicants' independent claims 1, 12 and 23. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 12 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 24, 26 and 34-42 depend on one of allowable independent claims 1, 12 and 23. Therefore, dependent claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 24, 26 and 34-42 are not anticipated by Gerace for at least the reasons that claims 1, 12 and 23 are not anticipated by Gerace. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) of claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 24, 26 and 34-42 be withdrawn.

V. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 are allowable. Therefore, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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